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Allen Excited for Onaway Grant

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City Courthouse will get face lift with \$200,000 grant

LANSING-Senator Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, expressed his support of the announcement that the City of Onaway will receive a \$200,000 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to renovate the downtown courthouse.

"I am excited to hear that the City of Onaway will receive this grant to help renovate the courthouse. These renovations will definitely give a boost to the economic development plans of the area," Allen said. "This historical building is a piece of local history and is too unique not to restore."

The 90-year-old courthouse building currently serves as the Presque Isle County Historic Museum. The architectural value and importance of the building has gained it a place on the National Register of Historic Places.

When the project of renovating the courthouse is done, the lower level will continue to house the library, while the upper levels will contain a museum and city offices.

"I am glad to see the MEDC has taken an active role in helping to preserve a cherished piece of local history while promoting the area economy," Allen added.

The grant will be announced tomorrow at the Onaway Courthouse, 20074 State Street, in downtown Onaway at 10:00 AM.